

## **RICHARD M. GIBSON**

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Born in Florida, raised in California  
San Jose State College  
U.S. Navy; 1966-1971 (Vietnam)  
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University of Maryland

U.S. Naval Academy; Prof., History & International Relations 1968-1971  
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Entered the Foreign Service in 1971

Fort of France, Martinique; Vice Consul 1972-1973  
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State Department; Thai-Burma Desk Officer 1975-1977  
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